NEIGHBORHOOD 9 PEABODY





BOUNDARIES: bordered by the B&M Railroad, Concord Avenue, Garden Street, and Massachusetts Avenue

POPULATION: 11,169 residents

5.208 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

\$36,608

Neighborhood #9 is encompassed by Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D.

2002 SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

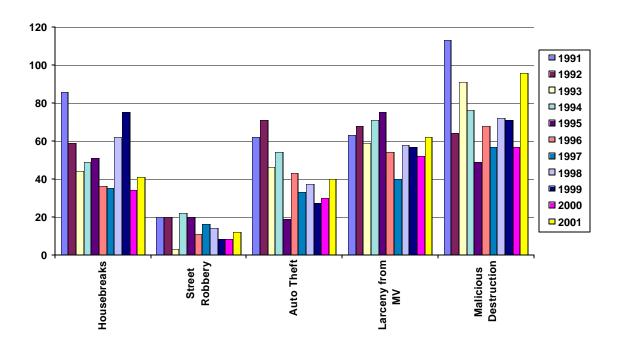
Following the tone set in the first quarter of 2002, the number of housebreaks Peabody has experienced during the second quarter continues to surge. Peabody is one of the neighborhoods that experienced an increase in breaks during this time, partially due to its' location along the Somerville border where many housebreaks were concentrated. Many of the breaks tapered off of Mass Ave., on streets such as Sherman, Bowdoin, Linnean, and Lancaster. The most likely time for housebreaks during the second quarter was during the day (3 p.m. to 11 p.m.) on aweekday, possibly while the victims are at school or work. • The number of motor vehicles crimes usually imitate each other - if larceny from motor vehicles decrease, then so do auto thefts, as was the case this quarter. Both crimes were reduced by at least 40%, following the first quarter trend where both crimes were reduced by over 60%. • The sole **street robbery** during the second quarter occurred in late June when a juvenile male was knocked to the ground by a group of other juveniles in the Cambridge Common. Once on the ground, the victim was kicked and money was stolen from his person. • The number of malicious destruction incidents has remained the same as this time last year, at 55 incidents. Of the 32 incidents which took place over the past three months, 13 of them have been done to cars, where windows get broken, tires slashed, and/or dents on hoods, etc. A total of ten graffiti reports were taken during the second quarter of 2002, which is a 41% decrease from the 17 episodes reported during the second quarter in 2001.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS SECOND QUARTER 2001 & 2002						
CRIME	2^{nd} Q 2001	2 nd Q 2002	% CHANGE			
Housebreaks	11	30	+ 173%			
Street Robbery	2	1	- 50%			
Auto Theft	20	10	- 50%			
Larceny from MVs	36	22	- 39%			
Malicious	55	55	N/C			
Destruction	15					
Drug Arrests	6	0	Inc.			

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Peabody has the second highest population in the city, yet most of its crimes are at or below the city's average. The neighborhood's residents include several large apartment complexes, a public housing development (Lincoln Way) and many of single and two family houses. Peabody boasts two of the biggest public parks in the city: Cambridge Common and Danehy Park. Also contained within its borders is Radcliffe College. Large commercial establishments mark Massachusetts Avenue and Walden Square Road.

- Cambridge Common has traditionally experienced after-dark crimes ranging from **public drinking** and **drug use** to **robbery** to **sexual assault**. Increased preventive patrol has diminished such occurrences in recent years.
- Summer **housebreak** patterns sometimes plague Richdale Avenue and Upland Road. This year, clusters returned to that region, though the crime has radically declined in other sections of the neighborhood.
- **Auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles**, though low in this neighborhood, show concentrations on Richdale Avenue and in the triangle formed by Massachusetts Avenue, Upland Road, and Avon Street.
- Drug activity and juvenile crime have long been concerns in the Walden Square area. The Narcotics and Juvenile Units began targeting these areas in 1993 and have almost eliminated the patterns.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR PEABODY AREA TARGET CRIMES						
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*	
Housebreaks	150	3	53	5	7	
Street Robbery	21	6	14	8	6	
Auto Theft	94	8	43	7	6	
Larceny from MVs	74	8	60	7	6	
Malicious Destruction	135	2	73	9	5	

^{*}Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest